

The Flivver Flash

The Official Newsletter of the Space City T's - Houston, TX

Bringing The '23 Model T to Texas

by Randy Elder

IN PERSON October 13th meeting cancelled!

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I will start by introducing myself. My name is Randy Elder, and I'm probably the newest member of the Space City T's of Houston. This all started when I was growing up in Ohio. Our neighbors, Jack and Katie Grimm, had a 1923 Model T Touring. I would always stop and watch as they drove by. Years later, my dad, Nial Elder, asked me a series of questions. How would you like if I spent some of your inheritance? How would you like another car? He really had me wondering where he was going with this. As it ended up, Dad told me Jack had the T for sale, and wondered if I would like it. He reminded me that I said I wanted the T when I was growing up. The answer was an immediate "yes". We purchased the T in 2010. Here is a photo of Nial Elder and Jack Grimm.



The T looked great. Jack had owned it since the early 60's and had taken care of the looks department: paint, top, tires, etc. My dad, being a mechanic, started on the mechanicals. Between 2010 and 2018, he and another T club member in Ohio, went through and rebuilt the engine, transmission, and rear axle.

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As far as I know, it should be mechanically good to go, with the exception of sitting since the summer of 2018. I planned on bringing it to Texas as soon as I had a place to keep it. That finally happened this summer. Here is a photo of the T at the Ohio Model T Jamboree.



I left Groveton, Texas on Aug 14 to go to Ohio and get the T. The trip to Ohio was non-eventful. The T was being stored in its “portable garage”, a 20’ enclosed trailer. The trailer and T were in the barn behind the 1946 Farmall H tractor. When I put the trailer and the H in the barn, the H ran. It became apparent the gas had not been treated because the carb was gummed up.

I did not feel like tearing it apart and cleaning it, so my nephew, who is my caretaker at the family farm, used his mower to pull the H out of the barn so I could pull the trailer out. The first thing on the list was new tires for the trailer, as the tires were 10+ year old Chinese tires. I never had any luck with Chinese tires, even 3-year-old tires, so I replaced them with a new set of American made Goodyear

Endurance tires. For a small fee, Discount Tire puts a 10 year no questions asked warranty on them, as long as they meet a minimum tread depth.



The trip to Texas was also non-eventful. As soon as I arrived home, I backed the trailer into its new home.



The T is now home in Texas. Next, I will be checking it out to make sure it is ready to take out for tours.

Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction Drivers

by Debbie Marino

Back in August, the Space City T's of Houston received an inquiry from Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auctions in Scottsdale, AZ. They were planning for their first ever auction in Houston, to be held at the NRG Center on September 16th through the 18th and were looking for people that could help with driving the cars at the event. Three of our members stepped up and represented the club well by working from Saturday, September 13th straight through to Tuesday, September 21st. Bruce Carter, Dave Lucas, and Tony Marino got the opportunity to drive many cars across the block during the auction days.



However, there were also three days prior, and three days following the auction, that involved checking in the cars, placing them inside NRG Center and positioning them where they were to be displayed. After the auction ended, those same cars had to be checked out and received by either the new owners or the vehicle transport carriers ready to ship to their new homes. There were no Model T's being auctioned at this

event, but three Model A's did cross the block. All the vehicles being auctioned were selling at No Reserve. As is typical on day one of an auction, the vehicles started with lower bids and somewhat lower grades than the days that followed. Friday saw higher hammer prices, and by Saturday, the prices were skyrocketing. The top selling car of the show was a 1979 Porsche 928 driven by Tom Cruise in the movie *Risky Business*, with a final bid of \$1.8 million. The total sale of \$1.98 million included the 10% seller's commission, and according to Barrett-Jackson, became the world record auction sale of any Porsche 928 from any year. The nearly 500 collectibles vehicles at the Houston event sold for over \$35.4 million. Another sale of note was a 1956 Chevrolet 150 that was being auctioned to benefit charity. It sold for \$425,000 and then was instantly donated back for a second round of bidding, which raised an additional \$400,000. After another \$175,000 was donated, the sale of the vehicle raised a total of \$1 million benefiting Honor Flight,



an organization whose mission is to honor United States military veterans with an all-expenses paid trip to see the memorials in Washington, D.C. with other veterans of the respective war they fought. According to Barrett-Jackson, they have raised over \$135 million for charity to date.

BIG BOY 4014 STEAM TOUR 2021 Model T Photo Op

by Jim Davis

Here are some pictures of Bob Shirley's Model T roadster with Union Pacific Big Boy #4014 on August 25th coming through Atlanta, Texas. Jim Davis had told Bob Shirley that #4014 was coming through town and that it would be a great photo opportunity.

Bob made the trip and had a great time. Big Boy came within seven miles of me when it went down the tracks by Highway 290 at Cypress TX coming from Hempstead going to Houston on August 17th. Big Boy #4014 made it out of Louisiana a week before the storm hit.

Following the Denver stop on Labor Day weekend, the Big Boy and its crew will return to the Union Pacific Steam Shop in Cheyenne, Wyoming on Sept 7th.



Christmas Season Event in League City

by Bobby Wright

Event: The League City Historical Society (LCHS) is working on a Christmas event in Old League City. Last year, they encouraged the neighborhood to decorate, hang lights and participate in an "Airing of the Quilts" which had folks displaying family quilts in front of the homes. They created WALK-aboutS that are basically outdoor tours of the neighborhood and had several going on during the weekend. It is a way to have people walk and enjoy the neighborhood during the season. It was a wonderful success last year and they hope to build on it this year.

The League City Historical Society would like to have vintage vehicles participate in the event parked in the driveway or in front of various houses and have asked the Space City Ts of Houston to participate. Nearby parking for tow vehicles will be provided. It is your option to stay with your vehicle or hang out at the headquarters during the event. Bring a chair. Of course, this event is outside so it will be weather dependent.

When: December 11th (Saturday) and 12th (Sunday). Time 10am to 3pm each day. Note: LCHS suggests if you can only participate one day Saturday would be the best day. The event

actually starts at 10am so you need to be there by 9am allowing time to unload and move your vehicle to parking locations at the various homes.

Where: "Old" League City is more or less the 2nd - 3rd Streets and South Kansas Street area.

Questions: Contact Bobby Wright at 409-771-5548 (Call or Text) or email to bcw545800@gmail.com.

Please let Bobby know if you think you will attend. Would like to give LCHS an idea of attendance.

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2022 Officer Nominations

Please communicate your 2022 club officer nominations to Dave Lucas at [\(713\) 299-3059](tel:7132993059) or daverlucas@yahoo.com.

New Members Wanted

Please visit our [Space City T's of Houston Texas web site](#). If interested in becoming a member, please provide your name, address, mobile phone, & email, and make a \$25 check payable to **Space City T's**.

Please mail your information and check to the Treasurer at:

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A special "Thank You" to all club members who paid their 2021 dues!

The Space City T's Club is the Houston, Texas chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. All questions concerning membership, The Vintage Ford magazine, the MTFCA library, chapter insurance, purchase of manuals, back magazine issues, or store items can be directed to the following:

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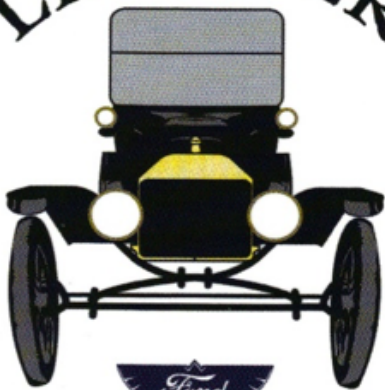
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Please email ads, articles, photos, stories, etc. etc. to: topkick7@outlook.com

Next In-Person Meeting Cancelled

October 13, 2021



**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.**

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Suite A, Houston, TX 77008**

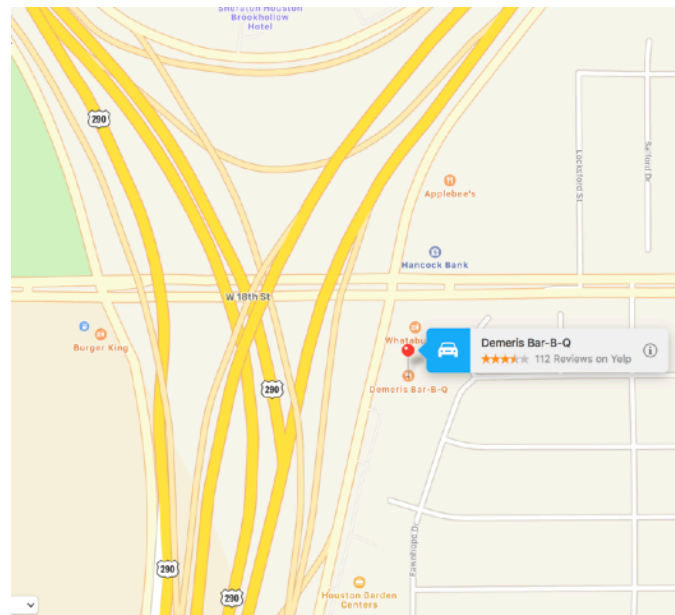
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

Place:

**Lazy Brook Baptist Church
—1822 West 18th Street in the
Heights**

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Directions to Demeris BBQ

From the east or west on I-10 or the south side of downtown, take the I-610 West Loop North and get off at the 18th Street Exit. Demeris BBQ will be immediately on the right after Houston Garden Nursery.

From the west on Highway 290, exit at Mangum and turn right to 18th Street. At 18th, turn left, cross under West Loop and turn into the Whataburger parking lot on the right. Proceed to Demeris BBQ after the Whataburger.

From the north on I-45, take the 610 North Loop West around to the I-610 West Loop South to the Hempstead Highway exit. Make a U-turn under I-610 and proceed north on the frontage road to just before 18th Street, Demeris BBQ will be on your right after Houston Garden Center.



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